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**Subject:** Not just Americans suffering.

Hi,

I'd just like to say I think the settlement is a joke. Does it stop Microsoft from adding applications to Windows that I don't want? No. Does it stop Microsoft from constantly increasing the price of Windows, forcing me to pay for the applications I don't want? No. The cost of PC's has been dropping rapidly for years... everything except the Operating System.. that has been going up. Also MS claims the Government has been killing their ability to innovate. Rubbish! MS buys other companies ideas then bundles them into Windows and thus forces you to buy them. I preferred Netscape Navigator, but as my new PC came with MS Internet Explorer taking up 60 megs of my hard drive (and I could not remove it!) I ended up using that.

Also, look at the likes of Windows XP... "now users get a stable OS" excuse me? Should have I now been able to expect that right from the start? No one else would get away with selling such unreliable products.

Lets also not forget the Microsoft that told computer makers they had to pay royalties on EVERY PC they shipped, regardless of which Operating System was actually on it. What could they do? say no to Microsoft? hardly. And as they had to pay for it anyway, they may as well ship Windows... even if the likes of OS2 was superior (now effectively dead).

Please do not let Microsoft get away with what they have done. Please let there be a possibility of one day being an alternative to Windows. Please give me back the right to choose!

Thanks,

Tony.

PS. You might want to check that some of the Pro Microsoft letters have not come from dead people... MS has been caught pulling that trick before.